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ALLIES AND RUSSO-GERMAN TREATY.

Reported French Stipulation.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, April 18.

The Cabinet considered the situation created by the Russo-German agreement and decided that France would only leave Genoa with the rest of the Allies.

A French semi-official telegram from Genoa says that, as a condition of remaining at the conference, France will ask the Allies to insist upon the annulment of the Russo-German agreement on the ground that it violates the Treaty of Versailles.

Meetings of the commissions at Genoa have been suspended pending the decision at the meeting of the Allied delegates and experts, to which the Little Entente representatives, including Dr. Senne, have been invited at the instance of M. Barthou.

How French Organs View the Treaty.

Paris, April 18.

The Russo-German agreement, which the *Echo de Paris* describes as the most important event since the Armistice, is generally regarded by the French Press as proving the uselessness of the continuance of the Genoa conference.

The *Journal* says: "We should congratulate ourselves upon this alliance of conquered countries thirsting for revenge, for it will restore the balance of the Western alliance."

The *Gaulois* says it is preferable that the steadily-growing abcess should burst, and urges the Entente completely to change its front and punish the audacious and disloyal nations.

The *Petit Journal* says that the only thing lacking is a military convention, which may still come at any moment.

The *Figaro* wonders how the German challenge will be regarded by Britain and Italy, while the Socialist *Populaire* declares the position of Britain and Italy critical as the result of "this German victory."

Varying U. S. Press Comment.

New York, April 18.

Commenting upon the Russo-German treaty, the *New York World* refuses to believe that a Russo-German bloc, which was a favourite nightmare for years, has been effected, and declares that Germany is unable to supply the capital necessary for Russia's regeneration.

The *Tribune* says that Russia and Germany are both seeking to get rid of their debts, and have taken this method of exciting Western fears, but, with the precarious Russian credit, the alliance is either a fiction or a fraud.

The *Herald* says that co-operation between outcast Russia and exchained Germany was long inevitable.

Breach of Preliminary Conditions Disqualifies Germany.

Genoa, April 18.

The Allies and the Little Entente have jointly sent a letter to the German delegation declaring that the conclusion of the Russo-German treaty while the conference is in session violates the conditions to which Germany pledged herself on entering the conference. Germany has therefore renounced further participation in the discussion of the conditions of agreement between Russia and the other countries at the conference.

Will More Drastic Action be Taken?

Genoa, April 18.

The Villa Raggio, where the Allied delegates are discussing the latest development, has been a day-long centre of interest.

A hundred journalists who twice responded to an invitation to attend to hear the result of the deliberations returned empty-handed. The unexpected prolonged session has created a belief that even more drastic action is being contemplated than that contained in the letter which was published late in the evening. The letter, however, is couched in unequivocal terms, recalling Dr. Wirth's promise last week to co-operate with the other Powers for the solution of outstanding Russian questions, and pointing out that the Germans have replied to the Allies' offer of goodwill and fellowship with an act which destroys the spirit of mutual confidence, having concluded a secret treaty behind the backs of their colleagues—a treaty which violated some of the principles on which the conference is based.

The upshot of the Allies' action is that while the Germans are permitted to enter the general discussions, they are not allowed to participate in any committee dealing with Russia. The most unfortunate aspect, which is likely to overshadow the remainder of the session and of the conference, is that anti-German and anti-Russian suspicion, notably on the part of France, will be considerably strengthened, impairing the atmosphere of harmony on which hopes of the conference have been largely based.

THE PRINCE IN JAPAN.

Visit to Peace Exposition.

Tokyo, April 18.

The Prince of Wales spent this morning in visiting the Peace Exposition at Ueno, the largest exhibition ever held in Japan. It was opened a month ago. The buildings were gay with red, white and blue floral designs and housed specimens of products from all countries.

After lunching at the Imperial Palace, the Prince witnessed a game of Japanese polo played by the staff of the Imperial Mews. He dines with the Foreign Minister to-night.—From Sir Herbert Russell, Reuter's special correspondent.

WORLD'S SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

Paddon's Victory.

Wanganui (N.Z.), April 18.

In the world's sculling championship match, Paddon defeated Hadfield by nine lengths.

There appears to be an inconsistency here. When Paddon met Barry, the English champion, in 1914, the latter won. Subsequently Barry was beaten by the Australian Felton, but in the return contest the Englishman defeated Felton, thus regaining the world's championship. It may be that Barry, who has been competing for a number of years, has retired.

TURKS MURDERED IN BERLIN.

A Double Assassination.

Berlin, April 18.

Three youths shot dead two Turks, Jemalazmy Bey, (Ex-Governor of Trabzon) and Babaed Din Chakir (a leading member of the Committee of Union and Progress) in the West End last night. The assassins escaped; they are believed to have been Armenians. The police have offered a reward of 20,000 marks for their discovery.

THE TRUTH ABOUT OPIUM.

Making India The Scapegoat.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 18.

The India Office has issued a booklet entitled "The Truth About Indian Opium," recounting the successful steps taken by the Government of India to restrict the production and consumption of opium in India and to regulate exports. It emphasizes that India has far exceeded the demands of the Hague Convention and points out that China produces seven times as much opium as India; Persia, which remains outside the scope of the most important article of the Convention, exports 30 per cent more than India; Turkey, which had not signed the Convention, normally exports about the same amount as India.

The booklet says India would be thoroughly justified in refusing to agree to any modification of the terms of the Convention in the direction of greater stringency until she is convinced that such modification will lead to beneficial results. India is the only producing nation which could give practical effect to the proposal to bind the nations to restrict the production of opium to medicinal and scientific needs, which, apart from causing unimaginable sufferings in the East, would result in enormously stimulating the production of opium in Persia, China and Turkey to be exported freely all over the world. India demands to see the terms of the Convention translated into action by others, and would undoubtedly and emphatically negative any proposal aiming at suppressing Indian cultivation in order to provide a scapegoat for the rest of the world.

Limitation by Licence.

Geneva, April 18.

Germany, Switzerland, France, Britain, India, Japan, Holland and Siam will be represented at the second session of the Opium Commission, which is to be held to-morrow to deal with the proposal that the export of pernicious drugs shall only be authorizable by importation licences issued by the consignee countries.

ANTI-FRENCH DISTURBANCES IN SYRIA.

Troops Regain Control of Situation.

Cairo, April 18.

Following on anti-French demonstrations at Damascus on the 7th inst., in which forty persons were arrested, crowds assembled demanding their release. They ignored warnings to disperse and were fired on by the police, with the result that two were killed and seven wounded.

After imposition of the curfew, the troops regained control of the situation. The French point out that the disturbances synchronised with the visit of Mr. Crane, ex-president of the American mission to Syria in 1919, whose utterances, though unintentionally, were calculated to arouse excitement against the French section. Mr. Crane sailed out of Beirut immediately the disorders broke out.

DISPUTE IN COTTON INDUSTRY.

Partial Settlement Reached.

London, April 18.

A partial settlement of the cotton dispute mentioned in a cable of the 12th inst. was reached at a conference of representatives of employers and cardroom operatives at Manchester, which arrived at an agreement in regard to the wages question, subject to confirmation by the other operatives' unions.

The previous cable stated: The negotiations concerning the cotton industry in connection with the reduction of operatives' wages have broken down, and unless they are resumed 300,000 will be locked out on the 29th inst.]

SERIES OF TORNADOES IN THE U.S.

Heavy Loss of Life and Property.

Chicago, April 18.

Twenty were killed and hundreds injured in a series of tornadoes at various villages in Illinois, Indiana, and Arkansas. There was also great damage to property.

ECHO OF THE KAPP REBELLION.

Leader to be Tried.

Berlin, April 18.

Herr Kapp, the leader of the 1920 rebellion, has been arrested at Sassenitz, as he was returning from Sweden and will be tried by the Supreme Court at Leipzig.

DEATH OF IRISH PRIVY COUNCILLOR.

London, April 18.

The death has occurred of the Right Hon. Hugh Barrie, P.C., M.P., D.L.

The deceased, who was born at Glasgow in 1860, represented N. Londonderry from 1905 as a Unionist, and was Vice-President of the Department of Agriculture (Ireland). In 1918 he was appointed High Sheriff of Derry.]

PARDON FOR LIFE-SENTENCE PRISONERS.

San Francisco, April 18.

The District Attorney has requested the Governor of California to pardon Thomas Mooney and Warren Billings, who are serving life sentences in connection with the bomb explosion in 1916.

H. C. L. DROP CONTINUES.

London, April 19.

The cost of living on the 18th inst. was 82 per cent. above the pre-war scale, compared with 86 per cent. on March 1.

(Other Telegrams on Page 5.)

BEAUMONT CASE.

Accused Again in Court.

BAIL REDUCED TO \$2,000.

The case of E. A. Beaumont, who is held on charges of defrauding proceedings that were being taken against his firm in bankruptcy by leaving the Colony on September 2, 1920, again came before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning, after a week's adjournment to enable the Official Receiver to prepare his case. As the Senior Magistrate is shortly to go to the Supreme Court to act as Puisne Judge, during the absence on leave of Mr. Gomperz, the case was this morning referred to Mr. R. E. Lindsell in the small Court.

Mr. G. N. Orme, the Official Receiver, had to apply for another week's adjournment, as he was not ready to proceed.

Mr. G. G. N. Tinson, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, appeared to inform the Court that he was watching the case on behalf of "interested parties in Shanghai."

Mr. C. A. Russ, for the defence, in applying for a reduction in the amount of bail, said that he had no objection to a further adjournment, but would like to bring a few points before the consideration of the Court. When defendant was in Shanghai, bail was fixed at \$500 to ensure his appearance in Court in connection with the application for his return to this Colony, and he did not make the slightest attempt to escape although he could have done so with the many opportunities that were in his way. He showed every desire to meet those charges and appeared when called for.

It was almost impossible for him (Mr. Russ) to prepare the defence unless the defendant be allowed to be at large. The business that was the subject of the present investigation was a large one, considering the fact that a turn-over of no less than \$6,000,000 was recorded in 1919, with the profits standing at \$200,000. The figures for 1920 were also very big.

When the crash came, defendant lost everything, and, as was usual in such cases, incurred heavy debts.

Continuing, Mr. Russ said that it was best that all cards should be put on the table. What his client did when the disaster overtook him was to go to Shanghai to raise money there, but owing to the same ship, the Bank refused to come to his rescue, and he then had to proceed to San Francisco, where he had a branch office, with the idea of securing \$100,000 which stood to the firm's credit there. He never got this money, as he had no properly stated account to render, and he was obliged to return to Shanghai to make good somehow.

Mr. Russ referred to the open-handed manner in which defendant moved about and carried on his new business in Shanghai, which is known under the style of the North China Produce and Import Company, with a registered office at No. 394 Canton Road. All that time he was within the jurisdiction of the Consular Court, and when he was arrested on the instigation of the Hongkong authorities he made no attempt to escape. The bail he was admitted into then, was \$500, and, in view of this, it was not unreasonable to ask the Court to reduce it now to \$1,000. It was very doubtful whether defendant could find more. It was necessary for the defence that he be allowed to have access to his accounts as to his witnesses. "I should like to say this," Mr. Russ added, "that at the time he left the Colony he was not exactly domiciled in Hongkong. He had interests in other ports, and it was whilst he was away—in France, as a matter of fact—that everything tumbled down in Hongkong. To prepare the defence properly I must have him out."

His Worship decided that the bail be reduced to \$2,000, divided into four securities of \$500 each, with an undertaking that the defendant should make a personal appearance before the authorities every day. The case itself would be adjourned for a week, as asked for by the Official Receiver.

COMPANY REPORT.

China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd.

The report of the above Company for the year ending 31st December, 1921, states—

The net earnings for the past year amount to \$413,004.14 which with \$10,006.48 brought forward from the previous year gives the sum of \$423,509.62 which it is recommended be appropriated as follows:

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" pay a bonus to Staff... 2,831.50

" place to Bad and Doubtful Debts Account... 10,000.00

" pay a Dividend of 8 per cent. or 80 cents per share, 100,000.00

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This will bring the Reserve Fund up to \$380,000.00 out of which it is proposed to pay a Bonus to Shareholders of \$250,000.00 in Script at the ratio of one new share for every five old shares or 25,000 shares of \$10.00 fully paid up.

Consulting Committee.—In accordance with the Articles of Association Messrs. H. P. White, G. M. Dowdell and U. Poi On retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Linstead and Davis for Mr. F. Maitland and by Mr. H. Percy Smith, Messrs. Linstead and Davis and Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming are eligible for election.

ant would be prevented from getting such a sum to help himself and, at the same time, to help his creditors. "I don't want to embarrass him in any way, but my duty is to the creditors and to the public to see that he does not stay away. He might attempt, of course, to escape, though I am quite ready to believe that he does not intend to. As your Worship has heard, the transaction is on a large scale, and a sum for him to get to straighten matters out, as far as he can."

His Worship.—Yes, but the defendant has been in custody for a week.

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DOINGS OF THE DUFFS**A MISERABLE FRAUD.****Prisoner's Wife Cheated.**

Daniel David Jesus, an unemployed clerk, 37, was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Magistracy yesterday afternoon with obtaining \$20 from Mrs. A. Santra, wife of a prisoner in Victoria Gaol, by falsely representing to her that he had been sent by Santra to collect that sum. It appeared that after paying the money to the defendant through a schoolboy named Charles Varrelmall, Mrs. Santra money from his wife, and asking him if he had received it. Santra sent a letter to the Superintendent of Victoria Gaol saying that he had not authorised anybody to get money from his wife, and asking that investigations be made. The report was referred to the Police by the Prison Department, and as a result of investigations defendant was arrested.

C. Varrelmall, a schoolboy of 28 Elgin Street, and a friend of Santra, stated that on either the 1st or 5th ult. defendant went to his house and informed him that he had been asked by Santra to get \$20 or \$30, to be used to bribe a cook in Victoria Gaol to serve him with better food. Defendant asked him to obtain the money from Mrs. Santra. After defendant had left, witness sent a girl of his house to Mrs. Santra. The girl returned with \$20. Next day, when defendant repeated his visit, witness handed over the \$20 to him. He did not see defendant again until the 7th April, when the latter called on him and asked if he had received any letters from Santra. Witness said he had received no news and asked defendant if he had a receipt for the money from Santra. Defendant went away, promising to bring a receipt next day. He, however, did not appear again.

Defendant: Did I tell you that I had been asked by Santra to request you to tell his wife not to worry about him, because he was doing only light work in the printing office in gaol?

Witness: You said that Santra complained about the food.

Defendant: I am asking you this question. Answer it—Yes, you did say so.

Have you any receipt from me for the \$20?—No. You promised to get it.

You told the Magistrate that you didn't know me before the 1st or 3rd March, and yet you entrusted me with \$20 without getting a receipt?—But you used the name of Santra.

Do you mean to tell me that you would give money to anybody who used Santra's name?—No; but you said you were working in the Police Station.

Didn't I tell you that I had been in gaol?—No.

Defendant said that it was obvious that he had been in gaol, otherwise he could not have seen Santra. He worked in the same printing office with Santra.

A Chinese girl testified to receiving \$20 from Mrs. Santra and handing it over to Varrelmall. She saw Varrelmall hand over the money to the defendant.

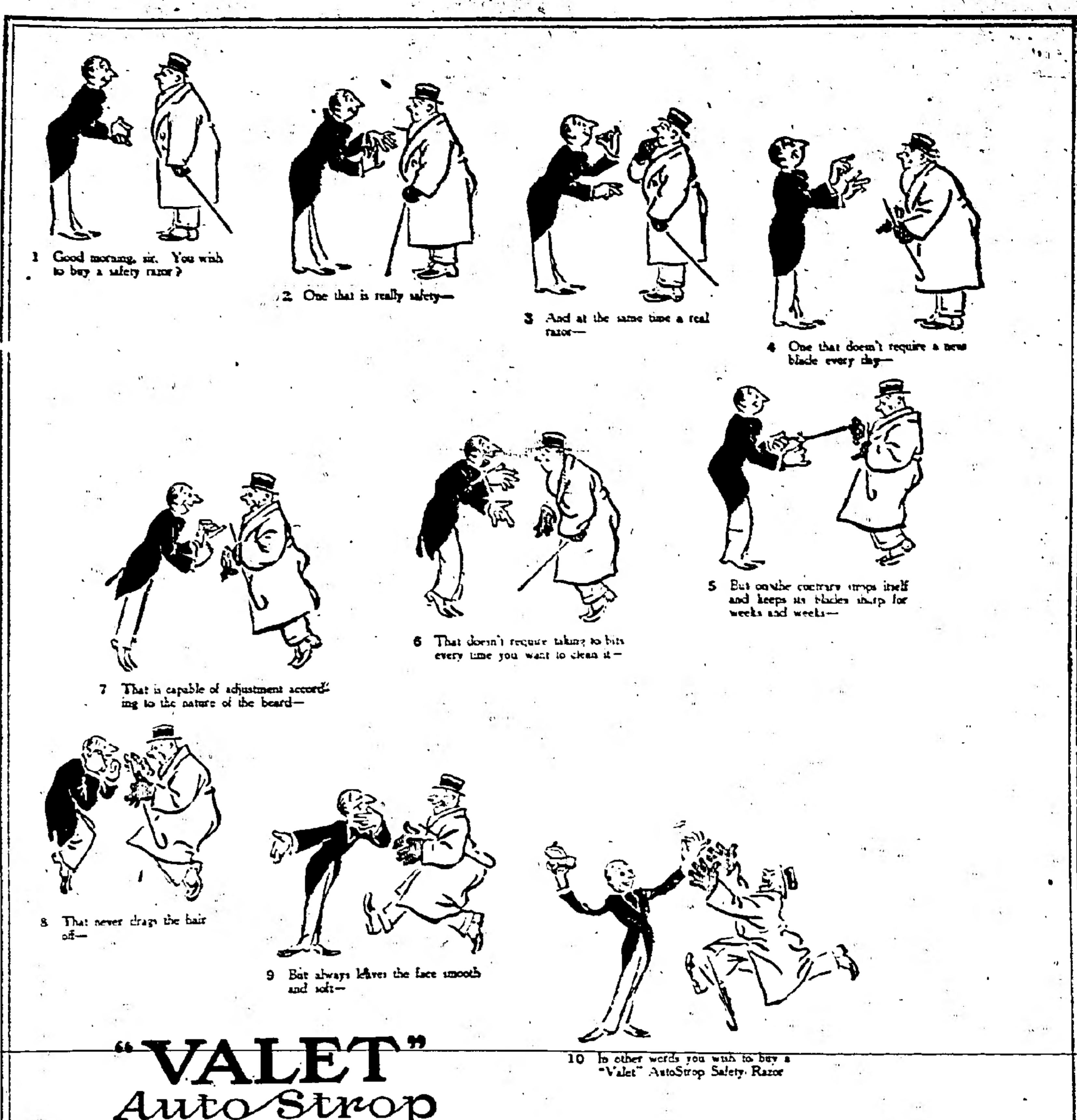
Defendant: You could only see Charley's back if you were standing on the top of the stairs?

Witness: But Charley was standing sideways.

Charley never gave me any money. If I received any money from him I must have given him a receipt. Did you see me give him a receipt?—No. When he asked for a receipt you said you would get it.

To Bribe the Cook.

Chan Sze, wife of Abonia Santra, gave evidence as to handing over

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EARLIER SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

RENT CONTROL IN SINGAPORE.

Singapore, April 18.

The controversy has reopened regarding rent control which the Government proposes to terminate in June. A deputation to H.E. the Governor is being organised to demand its continuance.

EXHIBITION CLOSES.

Singapore, April 18.

The exhibition has closed. The total attendance was 300,000. It is regarded as a great success and possibly the forerunner of a series of similar events aimed at boosting trade.

NO CRIME FOR 10 YEARS.

There have been no prisoners for trial at the Quarter Sessions Courts in the Borough of Tenterden (Kent) for the last ten years.

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SAY WILBUR, WHO WAS THAT YOUNG FELLOW YOU HAD OVER AT YOUR FLAT HELPING YOU THE OTHER EVENING? HE'S SOME GUY—OH THAT WAS NICK ROGERS, AN OLD FRIEND OF MINE.

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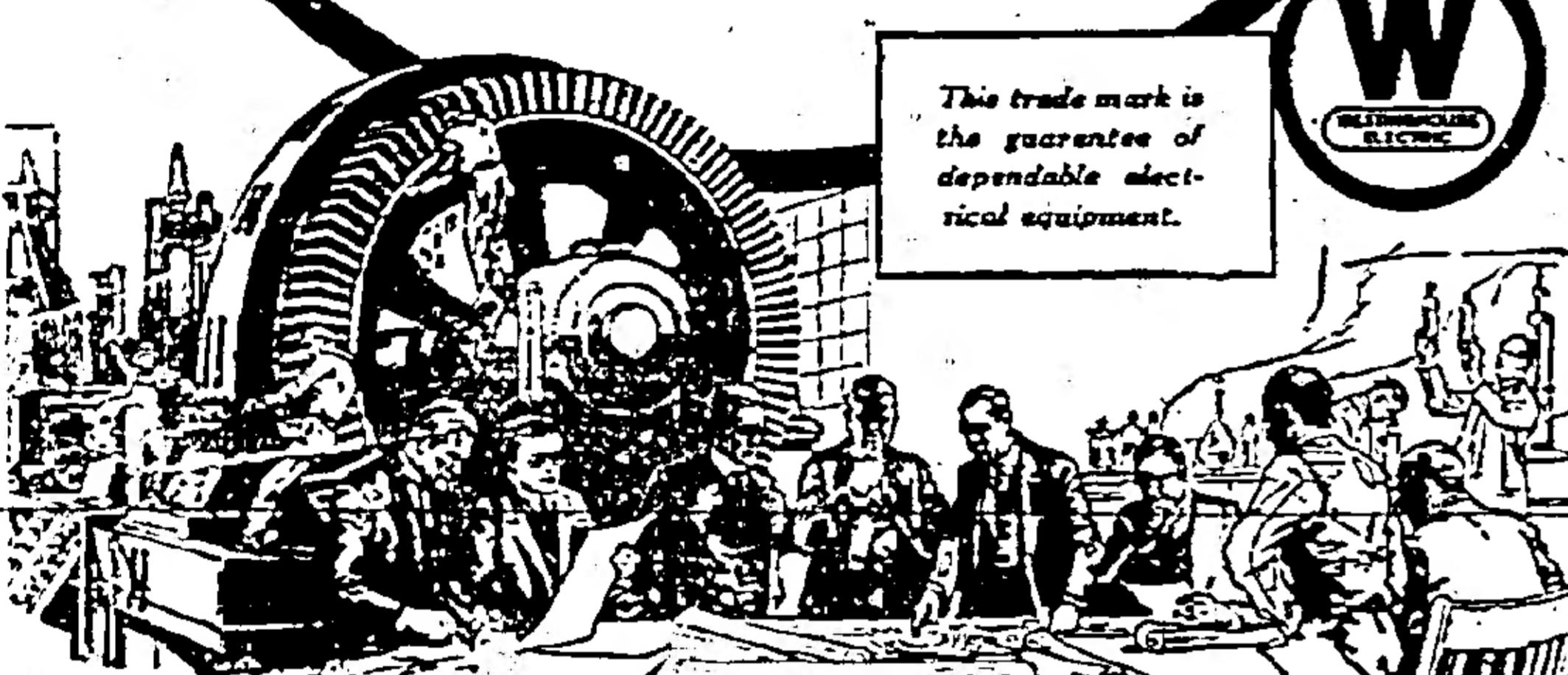
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BILLIARDS.

In the Billiard Tournament at the Palace Hotel, Kowloon, yesterday, Mr. C. W. Cheung (—200) beat Mr. T. Bromley (—150), the final scores standing at 250 and 223 respectively. Mr. Cheung's highest scores were 19, 16 and 14,

and Mr. Bromley's, 18. Later in the evening Mr. A. J. Edmonds (—100) beat Mr. C. E. Eashshaw (—300), 250 to 143. Mr. Edmonds' highest breaks were 17, 15; Mr. Eashshaw's, 41, 23, 22, 18.

Matches will be played to-morrow evening between Mr. E. A. Murphy and Mr. W. Atkinson; also between Mr. C. Bond and Mr. W. Agley.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE RUSSO-GERMAN BOMB-SHELL.

Genoa, April 18.

An acutely critical situation has suddenly arisen at Genoa as a result of the signature to the Russo-German Treaty by M. Chicherin and Herr Rathenau, which had the effect of a bombshell both in Genoa and the Allied capitals. The withdrawal of the French delegation is one of the numerous possibilities arising. It is not thought, however, that the incident will result in the break-up of the Conference. It is pointed out that Russia primarily wants money, which Germany cannot supply, so it is expected that Moscow's back will not be stiffened unduly towards the Allies' demands by a diplomatic triumph involving full recognition of the Soviet by Germany and virtual re-establishment of pre-War relations with the reciprocal appointment of Ambassadors and Consuls. The possibility of the Treaty developing into a Russo-German Alliance is not overlooked. While the *Daily Chronicle* finds little intrinsic fault with the terms of the treaty, most of the morning newspapers are considerably perturbed. The *Times* and *Morning Post* urge the necessity of complete Franco-British understanding to meet the defiance danger involved.

CHINA'S POLITICS.

Genoa, April 18.

Sir Charles Addis, interviewed by Reuter, at Genoa, declared the gravity of the political situation in China was exaggerated. There was no ground for a quarrel between the North and South. Political changes in Peking were mainly Cabinet changes and did not imply any alteration of the method of government. China had always emerged from such vicissitudes as a homogeneous nation and doubtless would do so again. The only obstacle to the union was the Military Governors, who usurped government, diverted revenue and otherwise oppressed the people; but there were signs that the people were growing restive and combining against military despotism. If a fiscal boycott was established, the reign of these despots would be shortlived; meanwhile, foreign trade was not affected as might be supposed. He pointed out that exports and imports for 1920 were a record, while the yield of the Customs and Salt Gabelle was greater than ever. Even the railways showed a surplus. When the Central Government was established the possibilities were infinite. Chinese statesmen recognised the advantages of the Washington Conference and there was no doubt that Japan would loyally fulfil her obligations. Already a better Chino-Japanese understanding was manifest, to the advantage of all round trade and prosperity.

CHINA AND OPIUM.

London, April 18.

Sir John Jordan is proceeding to Geneva to-day to represent Britain on the Opium Commission sitting under the auspices of the League of Nations. Interviewed by Reuter's representative, he said that the Commission would attempt to determine the world's medical needs as regards opium, but only the pressure of public opinion would make the nations concerned agree to limitation. He was of the opinion that the opium problem depended on the poppy crop. There had never been so thorough and widespread a movement in the world as that by which the cultivation of the poppy had stopped in China between 1907 and 1917. Unfortunately, in 1917 when the crops were eliminated from China, British manufacturers exported 600,000 ounces of morphine to Japan, most of which undoubtedly found its way into China. That amount was now reduced, but American manufacture of morphine had increased. Meanwhile, the Central Government of China had weakened and the Military Governors in the Provinces, in order to raise revenue for their troops, were taxing the peasants on the basis of their crops of opium, thus forcing the peasant to grow opium in great areas, which were now being harvested. Our attitude towards China should be one of sympathy and co-operation. Public opinion in China was depressed and rather hopeless; therefore, it was important that Western public opinion and a more hopeful, idealistic influence in China should be stimulated with a view to reducing the devastating influence of opium in the world.

GREAT BRITAIN AND JAPAN.

London, April 18.

In an article in the *Daily Mail* headed "Watch Japan," Lord Northcliffe discusses the danger he asserts threatens the world generally, and the British Empire particularly, from the Japanese military party. He draws attention to the size of Japan's army and her growing naval superiority in Chinese waters. He suggests that the Japanese have not relinquished their plan of mastering China and, as a result of the Washington Conference, will merely alter their tactics to suit the new circumstances. He alleges that the war party is as indifferent in policy as regards keeping treaties as many of her traders are regarding the infringement of the trademarks belonging to others.

THE GENOA CONFERENCE.

Genoa, April 18.

Sir Charles Addis has been summoned to assist the Currency Finance Committee, on which he and Mr. Basil Blackett are substitutes for Sir Robert Horne and Sir L. Worthington Evans.

First defendant said that a little after 6 p.m. on the 8th, he went to complainant's shop to see if anyone was working. Two of the shop's toks were working. He and his companion, the second defendant, told the workers that they must stop after 6 p.m., after finishing their jobs. Complainant then entered and said to him (defendant) and his companion "I don't know you. You had better go away." Complainant threatened to use violence if he and the second defendant refused to leave, and subsequently urged his toks to carry out the threat. One of the employees of the shop picked up a stool and struck witness on the head with it.

Examined by Mr. King, defendant admitted that he refused to leave the shop when ordered to do so.

After hearing the evidence, his Worship said he believed defendants were the aggressors.

Argument on that point followed, and the case was adjourned until to-day for Mr. Vaux to produce further evidence.

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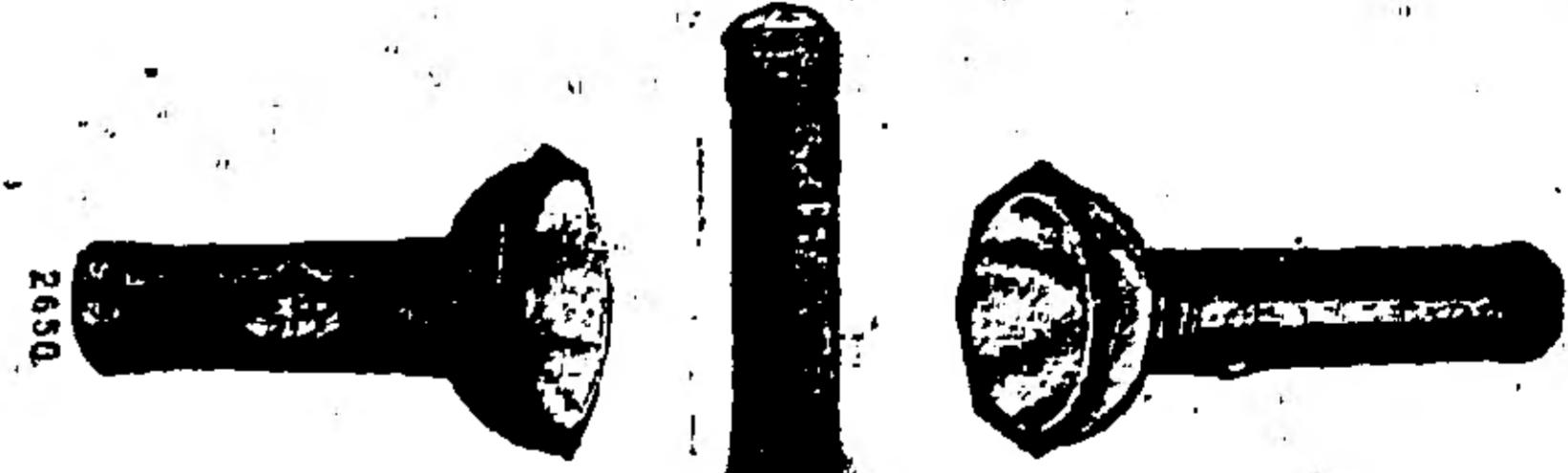
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DANCES AT THE PRINCE'S PAVILION.

With the permission of the Government, afternoon dances, from 5 to 7, will be held in the Pavilion, on Monday, the 24th. and Tuesday, the 25th. April.

Admission (not including refreshments) 50 cents for each date.

Tickets can be obtained at Moutrie's or at the door.

Any surplus will be sent to St. Dunstan's Home for the Blind.

The Hongkong Hotel Company are kindly giving the Band, free of charge.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Thirty-third Ordinary General Meeting will be held at the Company's Offices, St. George's Building, on Saturday, 22nd April, 1922, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 28th February, 1922, and electing Directors and Auditor. The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 15th to the 22nd April, 1922, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.

Agents.

Hongkong, 5th April, 1922.

NOTICE.

Owing to the advancing cost of newspaper production, it has been decided to make an increased charge of 20 per cent on present rates, as from April 1st, 1922, on the following descriptions of casual advertisements, namely:—

Government Notifications. Municipal Notifications. Official Notifications. Legal Notices. Company Notifications. Association, Club and Society Notices.

This, of course, does not affect the charges made for contract spaces held by commercial firms or for small "Want" advertisements.

NOTICE.

May Hall Annual Dinner on the 29th April, Saturday, 8 p.m. Old residents intending to join please notify the undersigned.

G. GEED WONG.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

Thursday, the 20th April, 1922 at 3 p.m.

at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street

5-Seater 4 Cylinder Hudson Touring Car

(with 2 spare wheels and tyres in first class condition, only done 8,000 Miles, "on view 2 afternoons before day of sale")

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(with spare tyre & wheel) in first class condition, done under 6,000 miles.

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(with spare tyre) recently done up and overhauled, in first class condition.

All tyres on above cars practically new.

On view now at Russell Street Garage.

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THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

Friday, the 21st April, 1922 commencing at 2.45 p.m.

at No. 3 Kimberly Villas, Kowloon

A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture

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SATURDAY, 22nd April,

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BAND OF THE KING'S REGT.

TICKETS:

Single, \$3; Double \$5.00

Obtainable at Moutrie's.

MEMBERS' TICKETS:

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OPEN TO ALL.

Buffet Supper by Hongkong Hotel inclusive.

Wear what you like; but mask.

CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

The Steamship

"KENDAL CASTLE"

From NEW YORK & BOSTON.

Consignees of Cargo are hereby

informed that all Goods are being

landed at their risk into the Go-

downs of the Hongkong and Kow-

loon Wharf and Godown Com-

pany, Ltd, at Kowloon, whence

and/or from the wharves delivery

may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forward-

ed unless notice to the contrary

is given before 19th inst.

No claims will be admitted after

the Goods have left the Godowns,

and all Goods remaining unde-

ivered after the 25th inst. will

be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer

must be presented to the Under-

signed on or before the 5th prox.

or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged

Goods are to be left in the Go-

downs, where they will be exam-

ined on the 25th inst. at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been

affected.

Bills of Lading will be counter-

signed by

DODWELL & CO., LTD.

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Hongkong, 19th April, 1922.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

SCOTTISH COMPANY.

No. 5 and 6 Platoons and Band.

G. O. C's Inspection, Murray

Parade Ground on Thursday,

20th April.

Dress: Drill Order, Helmets,

Kilts and Sporrans, Khaki hose

tops and short puttees.

(SD) T. W. HILL, Lieut.

O.C. Scottish Co. H.V.D.C.

Hongkong, 19th April, 1922.

NOTICE.

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

Special Caddies will be avail-

able at Fanling on Sunday, 23rd

April. Fee 70 cents, including

railway fare.

NOTICE.

National Loans of the Third

Year of the Republic (1914) and

of the Fourth Year of the Repub-

lic (1915).

With reference to the Notice

issued to the Press by the under-

signed under date 23rd March,

1922, in which was published a

list of the schedule numbers of

those \$10,000 Bonds and \$1,000

Bonds of the above Loans for the

the interest and redemption of

which the Inspector General of

Customs is responsible, the public

is hereby notified that, owing to

an error on the part of the Minis-

try of Finance, three numbers

were omitted from that list,

namely:

4th Year Loan: \$1,000 Bonds:

Nos. 2231, 2232, 2233,

and that these three Bonds are

redeemable, and interest coupons

which they bear payable, from

the funds under the administra-

tion of the Inspector General of

Customs.

F. A. AGLEN,

Inspector General of Customs.

Inspectorate General of Customs.

Peking, 5th April, 1922.

MESSRS. LAMMERT BROS. are

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and you will be immune from the irritating bites and buzzing of

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URQUHART.—At the Government Civil Hospital, Donald (Dan) Urquhart, late of Chinese Maritime Customs, on the 18th April 1922. Funeral cortege will pass the Monument at 5 p.m. today. (Shanghai and Tientsin papers please copy).**The Telegraph.**

HONGKONG, 19th April, 1922.

NOT ENOUGH.

If the Proclamation issued yesterday by H. E. the Governor discloses the full extent of the measures to be taken in regard to Hongkong's *mu-i-tsui*, we must confess our disappointment. Mr. Churchill definitely asserted in the House of Commons that a scheme would be drawn up for the abolition of the system. By no stretch of the imagination can the measures now announced be made to square with that pronouncement. Girls who have reached the years of discretion may see the Secretary for Chinese Affairs if they wish to quit the service of their employers, but they are told that they must not leave their present homes unless they have employment to go to. Obviously, none of them can have jobs in view; so none will be freed. The warning given to masters and mistresses against attempting to prevent *mu-i-tsui* from seeing the S.C.A. is probably necessary, but we are wondering what measures are to be taken to inform the girls themselves of their newly-defined status. Seeing that the majority of the *mu-i-tsui* are closely confined indoors, some special means will have to be devised to inform them that they are not the property of their employers.

It seems to us that if the authorities are really sincere in their desire to abolish the whole system root and branch, the right thing to do would be to call for a return from employers of the number of *mu-i-tsui* they have, to make it an offence if false returns are supplied, to notify all the girls that they are entitled to liberation, irrespective of age, and to devise some satisfactory scheme, as the London *Daily News* recently put it, for the future welfare of the liberated children. Here it is worth recalling that the very first enactment passed by the Hongkong authorities (so far back as 1844) aimed at the abolition of slavery and declared that the emancipated slaves who were unable to earn their livelihood should be supported

by the Colony until put in a way to support themselves. The Ordinance was, however, disallowed by the Home authorities, as it was considered that the Imperial statutes for the abolition of slavery extended by their own proper force and authority to Hongkong. None the less, the intention of the authorities to look after the well-being of those released from bondage was apparent. There is no such indication in the present case. If we are going to abolish the system, let it be done thoroughly, in which event the Chinese charitable institutions would no doubt co-operate with the Government in caring for those girls who wish to be released. Unless the Proclamation issued yesterday is but the beginning of a larger scheme, we fear that it will be a dead letter so far as its effect on the present obnoxious system is concerned.

Watch Canton!

What's happening to the much-advertised Southern expedition against the North we can't profess to say. The latest story is that Kweilin has been found an inconvenient starting point and that the army is now to proceed via Shiuksan. The discovery seems to have been made late in the day, and in any case it would be interesting to know why Sun is now returning to Canton. Governor Chan is now said to be determined to lead a division in the expedition, so as to discount the stories of his being at variance with Sun. Well, we shall wait and see. There is evidently something more than a mere revision of strategic plans going on, as time will doubtless show. The tangled skein has not yet been unravelled, but it cannot be long before there emerges something more definite than can be seen at present.

The Opium Commission.

Sir John Jordan's observations on the opium situation, delivered on the eve of the sitting of the commission of the League of Nations, deserve careful notice as coming from a man of high integrity who served for many years at Peking. Our ex-Minister to China, after referring to the widespread movement between 1907 and 1917 by which the cultivation of the poppy was, he says, stopped in China, proceeded to declare that just as the crops had been eliminated British manufacturers exported 600,000 ozs. of morphine to Japan, "most of which undoubtedly found its way to China." This appears to be only too true. As far as Britain is concerned, this trade is now subject to Consular certificate as to medical need. But this second evil does not alter the facts in relation to opium, which, as Sir John states, is now grown in most of the provinces at the express direction of the Tuchuns, who flatly ignore the orders commissioners sent from Peking. The ex-Minister's plea for sympathy and co-operation with China will be generally approved as far as it goes, yet surely Sir John, with his knowledge of China, is in a special position to realise that it is almost hopeless to look for improvement under the conditions prevailing in the republic.

Dealing with the Tuchuns.

Sir Charles Addis' remarks to Reuter's representative at Gonos (whether the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank director has been summoned to assist the Currency and Finance Committee) are at least a little perplexing. Declaring the gravity of the political situation in China to be exaggerated, Sir Charles stated that there was no ground for the quarrel between North and South, and that the Tuchuns are the "only" obstacle to reunification. The dispute between Peking and Canton is pretty well known by now. There is "no ground for quarrel" in the sense that there need be no dispute if both sides would do the right thing, but it is the failure in this respect that is the cause of dispute. Over and above the North and South issue, the disorder in the republic is due to the ambitions of the Tuchuns, whom Sir Charles describes as "the only" obstacle. The trouble is that the "only" obstacle is the dominant one. It is like saying that order would reign if all disorder were removed. Sir Charles says there are signs that the people are growing restive and are combining against military despotism. We trust so. At

DAY BY DAY.

THERE IS A PRECIOUS INSTRUCTION TO BE GOT BY FINDING WE WERE WRONG. LET A MAN TRY FAITHFULLY, MANFULLY TO BE RIGHT, HE WILL GROW DAILY MORE AND MORE RIGHT.—Carlyle.

Dr. W. J. Woodman goes on leave by the Empress of Russia to-morrow. Accompanied by his wife and daughter, Mr. Robertson is proceeding to Victoria, British Columbia, where he intends settling down. His numerous friends in the Colony will wish him very many years of well-earned rest. During the 30 years of his residence in Hongkong, Mr. Robertson has, by his sterling qualities, his courtesy of manner and his genial disposition, endeared himself to all who have had the pleasure of knowing him, whilst as a skilled engineer he has contributed in no small degree to the development of utility services here. He has taken a keen interest in local affairs and served on the Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association. During the past few days, the high esteem in which he is held has been manifested by many presentations, including an illuminated address from the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders (of which he is the senior past President), a gold watch from the European staff of the Godown Company, two blackwood silver-inscribed chairs from the Chinese and Portuguese staffs of the Ferry Company, a silver-inscribed blackwood table from the fitters and workmen of the Godown Company, and a beautiful silver epergne from the launchmen of the Godown Company.

The remains of the two quarrymen who were buried under a mass of rocks in the landslide at Mauauk, were last night extricated by the searchers and removed to the Kowloon Mortuary.

Dr. C. C. Wu, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs in Canton, returned from Kweilin yesterday morning by Samshiu-Canton train. Accompanying Dr. Wu were Mr. Chan Lao, Commissioner of Salt Revenue, and other prominent officials who have recently been in Kweilin.

Three months' hard labour was the sentence inflicted on the Chinese employee of Dr. C. C. Wang who was convicted this morning on a charge of obtaining a bottle of quinine from the Sincere Stores by falsely representing that the order was made by the doctor.

A piece of land at Pokfulam Rural Building Lot No. 203, having an area of 34,373 square feet, was sold by auction at the offices of the Public Works Department yesterday afternoon for \$5,000, or about 13 cents a square foot. The upset price was \$4,133. The purchaser was Mr. G. H. Wilson, of Messrs. Robertson, Wilson and Co.

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OLD RESIDENT RETIRING.**Links with the Past.**

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ROUND THE TOWN.**By "Gadabout."**

They had a fine crowd at the ball at the Prince's Pavilion on Monday night. It wasn't quite such a regular as the Prince's ball, but you got bumped a bit going round and you didn't have to mind getting sandwiched now and again. Still, that's all the game and we get used to that kind of thing in Hongkong. It just shows how big a dance hall this Colony really needs. The dance programme was so old-fashioned as to be almost a novelty. Some devotees of the light fantastic favour the old dances and maybe there is something to say for them, but the *Valetta*, *Boston Two Step* and some of those other hops they gave us all died a natural death and were decently interred long ago. Talking of these old-fashioned dances reminds me of a little story. A number of ladies were in the lounge of a local hotel, partaking of the cup that cheers, and after some discussion on the merits of the old dance as compared with the new, one of the party turned to her neighbour and asked—"Do you know the *D'Albarts*?" "No" replied the other, who truth to tell, was not quite so *au fait* with the subject as she made herself out to be and who was taken rather off her guard. "Er—do they live in Kowloon?"

But we were talking about Monday night's dances. Hardly anybody ever dances 'em, precious few of this generation know 'em, and precious few want to. A programme containing just the popular *Fox-trot*, *One-step* and a *waltz* or two would have done much better. Number two on the programme got me guessing. *Whaton earth's a Ladbrok?* And the *Colorado Walk* also found me having a beer. Still, although the programme got lots stamped, there was no need for the ladies, at any rate, to sit out. The jolly Jacks seemed to know 'em all and were quite game to take on any member of the fair sex who wanted a bit of tuition. In a place like this, where there aren't enough ladies to go round and we never ask for a dance without an introduction, don't you know, that tag game is a good idea. When you're hopping around with your best girl and some guy comes along and after giving you a dig in the small of the back, calmly annexes her and glides off, it may seem a bit rough, but it gives the fellow whose circle of girl acquaintances is not a wide one a chance to get a dance—all you've got to do is to look round and, after spotting the prettiest girl in range, do the same thing yourself.

So the ladies of Kowloon want to play bowls. Bless their hearts, why shouldn't they? They can. But not on the Kowloon Bowling Green Club's rink. I'm afraid if they really do want to play, they'll have to form a club of their own. The men don't want 'em playing with them. Even those who supported the proposal that the ladies should be given a few days in the latter half of the season didn't seem really enthusiastic about it and those who voted against the ladies being allowed to play were most emphatic on the point, or, at any rate, that's what the one-and-only reporter who was present tells me. The fair sex are permitted to use the tennis courts and I believe they play golf with the menfolk but, as one of the fellows pointed out to me, it's getting a bit too thick when you can't let out a good healthy *du-n* in your own club now and again. They will come out sometimes, you know, even in the best of circles, and it's putting too great a strain on a man's constitution when he's got his wood as near to the jack as a pair of cupid's bows are to one another on a stile at Home on a moonlight night in the springtime, and the next man comes along and hits his wood away and he can't say more than "bother." A man wants his club to himself and as soon as a woman gets her foot in, it's the man's club no longer; it's hers.

occupied by the Chartered Bank in Queen's Road. The block now occupied by the Bank of Canton and Anderson, Meyer and Co. was in those early days known as Thomas' Grill. It was kept by a coloured man and was a very popular dining place. Incidentally Mr. Robertson said there was about 20 years ago, a proposal on foot to build a new Hongkong Hotel on the waterfront. The other hotels included the Victoria Hotel, situated where the Central Market now is and later removed to the corner now

ENGINEERS' INSTITUTE.

Presentation of Addresses.

Two members of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders with over a quarter of a century's association with the club, Mr. T. W. Robertson and Mr. H. B. Bridger, are retiring and going home. Last night in the presence of a number of friends, both were presented with addresses a mark of good will and esteem.

In presenting the addresses, the president, Mr. J. Reid, said they were aware that at the complimentary dinner to Mr. Robertson and Mr. Bridger it was decided that addresses should be presented to these gentlemen to remind them of their associations with the Engineers' Institute. They had now arrived at the stage when they had to say farewell and while they felt that they were losing very kind friends, they could not but think that their retirement was very well earned. They trusted that Mr. Robertson and Mr. Bridger would have many happy days and would now and again pass their minds back to their many happy days in Hongkong. They would always be pleased to hear from them and they hoped that both Mr. Robertson and Mr. Bridger would give them copies of their photographs to put up in the Institute amongst those of the other celebrities which adorned their walls.

Mr. Reid then presented the addresses, which read as follows:

"T. W. Robertson, Esq. President 1908-1909.—Sir, In view of your approaching departure from the Colony the committee of management on behalf of the members desire to place on record the respect and esteem in which you are held. As president and as a member of committee your personality and your deep interest in the welfare of the Institution have left an enduring impression on their minds and the memory of your whole-hearted assistance on countless occasions during the 28 years of membership will ever be a treasured recollection. They feel keen regret at your departure and take solace in the thought that it is a result of faithful labour and well-earned reward, which they sincerely trust you may be spared many years to enjoy."

"H. B. Bridger, Esq. Vice-President 1910-1911.—Sir, In view of your approaching departure from the Colony, the committee of management, on behalf of the members, desire to place on record the respect and esteem in which you are held. As Vice-President and as a member of the committee your personality and your deep interest in the welfare of the Institution during your 30 years of membership, especially the yeoman services rendered in the strenuous days of its early struggles, have placed those who follow in your footsteps under an obligation which cannot be effaced from their memory."

Both addresses were signed by Messrs. J. Reid (President), W. Budge (Vice-President), J. Ormiston (Vice-President), R. Hunter (Chairman of Committee), P. T. Farrell (Vice-Chairman of Committee), J. McCubbin, A. Davidson, R. Hall, G. J. Harman, Wm. Russell, J. Tully, T. G. Paterson, W. J. Stokes (Committee), A. Leach (hon. pres.), and S. Baker (hon. sec.).

Mr. Robertson expressed gratitude for the very kind thoughts contained in the address. He would treasure it as an heirloom and look upon it occasionally and think of the people of Hongkong and the people with whom he had been so long associated. One made many friends and it was difficult to cut them off at once; one learnt to appreciate their good qualities, born of good fellowship. Mr. Robertson concluded by again thanking the members for their kind words and said he would treasure the address very much indeed.

Mr. Bridger said when he joined the Institution, thirty years ago, he never thought that a day would come when he would be presented with an address from that Institution. He could assure them that he felt it very greatly. The last number of books he had not made himself very useful to the Institution, although he knew that in the olden times, as the President had just said, he had done his best—in the old strenuous times, when they did not know whether they were going to survive or die. Mr. Bridger spoke of the Institute when first moved into their premises on the Praya. He was very pleased to see it in such a flourishing state

PLAQUE IN HONGKONG.

48 New Cases Yesterday.

Plague continues to make itself felt in Hongkong; there having been no fewer than 48 fresh cases reported yesterday. Of these, all but 15 were from the city of Victoria. Thirty-eight of the cases ended fatally. All the sufferers were Chinese. There were also 17 cases of small-pox (13 fatal) notified yesterday, all of which were Chinese.

According to the *Canton Times*, special precautions are being taken in Canton to prevent plague being spread thither from Hongkong, the Bureau of Health suggesting the examination of all passengers coming from this Colony either by steamer or rail-way. Two plague inspecting offices may be established in Whampoa and Shekung for steamer and train passengers respectively. Certain regulations governing the proposed inspection have been drawn up by the Commissioner of the Bureau and submitted to the Mayor for approval. They are as follows:

"Any steamer entering Canton from a plague district must suspend its running at Whampoa, waiting for examination by health officers. If any passenger on board a steamer is found to suffer from an attack of infectious disease, the doctors are invested with full power to make arrangements for the patient to be sent to a hospital outside the north gate for quarantine and treatment. Whenever any inquiry is made by the doctors regarding plague, the ship's officers as well as the passengers shall give full information. After the inspection is completed, the doctors shall issue each passenger a permit to land.

All trains from Hongkong shall stop at the Shekung station to receive the inspection officers. These regulations will be cancelled when the plague in Hongkong is over. It is reported that the foreign Consuls in Shantou will be informed of the proposals by Mayor Sun through the Bureau for Foreign Affairs.

MASKED CARNIVAL.

Next Saturday's Event.

Those who have not yet danced in the Prince's Pavilion will have their chance on Saturday next, when the Ex-Active Service Men's Association, with characteristic enterprise, is holding a gay carnival there. Fancy dress is optional, but dancers are requested to wear masks. The event should be one of the most successful of the dancing season, and patrons may look forward to a very happy time. Confetti and streamers will be obtainable at the Pavilion, the band of the King's Regiment will provide the music and buffet supper will be served by the Hongkong Hotel. We understand that the number of tickets will be limited, so those who intend being present will be well advised to pay an early visit to Moutie's.

GOLF.

Easter Competitions at Fanling.

The Easter competitions at Fanling resulted as follows: Bogey pool, held over holiday. Pay Lt. F. D. Pearce, R. N.—3 up. Medal Competition.—(16th April)—H. Gordon Eales:—96—18—78. Medal Competition.—(17th April).—The following tied:—B. D. Crawford, Morgan:—89—3—77. C. C. Stark:—87—10—77; F. A. Dinsdale:—91—14—77. Mixed Foursome.—(17th April).—Mr. & Mrs. N. L. Smith:—89—15—74.

INDIANS AT LAW.

A Money-Lending Dispute.

With a pathetic expression on his countenance, an Indian money-lender appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell to lodge an accusation of dishonesty against a compatriot. The allegation was that the latter withheld a promissory note which was entrusted to him, in his capacity of employee to Mr. G. R. Haywood, to be handed to the solicitor for the purpose of instituting an action against the recalcitrant debtor named in the note. The dispute, it appears, was of long standing, and the services of the Committee of the Khalsa Diwan, had to be invoked in an endeavour to settle the matter. Apparently, its efforts were unsuccessful, for to-day the parties had to apply to the higher authority as represented by Mr. Lindsell. His Worship had to deal with a number of intricate points. First, he had to discover an attempt to muddle up the point at issue, by a reference to other promissory notes which did not come into the question, and secondly, he had to face a pose in the form of a challenge which the accused issued to his adversary for the production of the necessary proof that such a promissory note had been entrusted to him. "In the ordinary course," he said, "the other man should ask me for a receipt when he handed me the promissory note. Ask him to show it. That would be proof that I had the note."

The money-lender, however, expressed his fears that his compatriot might be band-in-glove with the debtor and had handed the note back to the latter, in which case he had very few chances of seeing it again.

"Bring the debtor" his Worship said, in giving the case a short remand.

TWENTY YEARS WITH VOLUNTEERS.

Lieut. Higby Goes Home.

Amongst those leaving for Home on the Empress of Russia are Lieut. and Mrs. W. J. Higby. Lieut. Higby has completed nearly twenty years' service in Hongkong and is now returning to his birthplace, Westcliff, in Essex, where he intends to spend the remainder of his days. He is retiring on a pension, with the rank of captain.

Lieut. Higby has seen over thirty-seven years Army service. He joined the ranks of the Royal Artillery on Feb. 14th, 1885. Some four years later he gained his sergeant's stripes and in June, 1902, he was made regimental quartermaster and sergeant posted to Hongkong. He came to this Colony and joined the Hongkong Volunteer Corps (as it was then named) in October, 1903. He was promoted to lieutenant and quartermaster in Aug. 28th, 1916. Lieut. Higby's retirement dates from September, this year, the interim being counted as leave. Lieut. Higby put in such good work in this Colony that in February, 1917, he was mentioned in War Office Notice in connection with the Hongkong Volunteer Corps.

Lieut. Higby has other service abroad besides Hongkong. From June, 1885, to October, 1889, he was stationed in Malta and from there he went on Indian service, returning Home in December, 1897. Extremely popular amongst a large circle of friends, "Walter" goes Home with the best wishes of all for a happy retirement.

ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY.

The Annual Report.

The report of the committee of the Society of St. George, Hongkong, for presentation at the fifth annual general meeting, to be held at the City Hall, on Friday, 21st April, at 5.30 p.m., states:

Your Committee has pleasure in presenting to you the report and statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1921. The cash balance in hand stands at \$2,167.80 and in addition the sum of \$5,000 has been placed on fixed deposit.

During the year the only call on the funds for assistance has been a grant to an Ex-Serviceman of \$500.

To mark the occasion of St. George's Day the sum of \$100 was granted from the Society's funds to the Director of Education for Prize Essays and

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Sailings from San Francisco have been advertised for June 1st, July 6th, August 3rd, September 7th and October 5th. These

ships are of the "522" class and carry 88 cabin passengers. They have luxuriously equipped cabins, most of which have either private showers or joint use of bath at minimum fare.

These "522" ships should prove very attractive to passengers desiring to return to America direct, omitting North China and Japan, and will offer speedy service to shippers to Pacific Coast ports.

CHINA'S AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE.

Pining For Cathay.

Mr. Chen Lu, Chinese Minister to Paris, has decided to quit his post without awaiting the permission of the Government, and is leaving for China in a few days, according to a recent message.

Mr. Chen has sent his resignation to the Government no less than three times, but every time the Government succeeded in persuading him to reconsider his decision. Now he has become so tired of his post that he says he must go. The Government first intended to have him exchange posts either with Mr. Hu Wei-ten or Mr. Wang Kuang-chi, Chinese Ministers to Japan and the Netherlands respectively, and later tried to persuade him to represent China at the League of Nations after the return of Dr. Wellington Koo to China, but he refused to entertain either of these proposals and insisted upon going home.

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WORLD-WIDE SPORT.

R. D. Burrows, Worcestershire, will be with the West of Scotland Cricket Club as professional when the new season opens. While better known as a bowler, Burrows is a hard-hitting batsman.

Hugh M. Cloughton, a well-known Bradford Cricket League player, and a native of Guiseley, has obtained a professional appointment with the Broughty Ferry Cricket Club. He succeeds "Pat" Higgins, another native of Guiseley.

News has just reached his relatives in Edinburgh of the death in South Africa of Mr. John Hay, who, in the palmy days of Scottish cycling, proved himself one of the finest tricycle riders in the kingdom, and gained many noteworthy successes on road and track alike.

He was also a hard-working Rugby forward, and an original member of the Edinburgh Harriers' Club.

Carpentier appears in no hurry to pay another visit to the States. The Frenchman was to have met Tom Gibbons in New York some time in April, but the Paris Auto quotes Decamps as saying that Georges will have a contest in Paris within three months at latest, and will defer his American trip until the situation as regards the American middle-weight contest has been cleared up.

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NEW clothes tumble on the public like a cascade. Nothing is revolutionary. Nothing startles or frightens or repels. But there is a change, subtle, forceful, but not sinister.

Some say the movement is more definitely toward the classic than it was last year. Others think that the Slavic movement will win. The confident revival of the Moyen Age, however, has singular importance.

Here are the features that are accentuated, and can be utilized in modern clothes because the public will accept long skirts; they were not possible with short skirts. Drapery at the hips, for one thing, is accentuated by every house in Paris until the mind and the eye get familiar with that movement of fabric. The folds which constitute the drapery run directly across the abdomen and the end of the spine. The folds are brought together on one hip, and are held there by an immense ornament into which the dressmaker or the jeweller has put art and imagination.

Another Moyen Age feature is the petticoat of soft metallic cloth, the facing of metallic cloth which shows where the gown is opened at the side. The square neck the decided effort to mould the outlines of the bust by the fabric and the long straight dip of the bodice down to the hip. Drapery are elements of the Moyen Age fashions which are

merely incidents in the general run of new fashions.

The new treatment of this skirt differentiates it sharply from the Spanish and the Second Empire versions of it. It has an immense circular flounce of fragile lace almost covered with embroidery in colour or in metal thread. Beneath this is a straight slip of white or coloured chiffon. These are offered for evening. They are not copied for the afternoon.

The plaited skirt ran away with the designers. The plaiting was excessively fine in imitation of classic manipulation of fabric. Such plaiting belonged to the Greeks. They and their Alexandrian offspring made this kind of plaiting perfect in the overgarments which fell over the straight line chemise. The plaiting on the new spring skirts is in narrow panels inserted between plain panels of the material.

There is another movement in skirts which is significant. There is a definite yoke effect over the hips and the godet fullness starts in panels beneath this tight-fitting hip part. The skirts for evening and afternoon have this flat hip effect with the fullness starting beneath it, although no one style is set. This fashion is in distinct contradiction to the fashion for folded drapery across the hips. There is room for both. Both will be worn.

be folly to conceal it. So thought the designers when they threw the bolero into the market. It leaves little of the blouse unrevealed. It is sometimes worn with a broad sash that brings it back into the styles of three years ago.

The world is wild about colour, and each week sees a wider acceptance of it by the public. This encourages the designers, and there has come about an extraordinary demand for assortments of garments that make the patch-work quilt of our grandmothers a

demure affair.

As rivals to the bolero there is the Russian tunic. It is wide at the hem, rather loose below the shoulders, and held in by a tight girdle at the edge of the hips. It is often made of white kasha embroidered with brown or red or bright blue. The jacket with the slightly defined waistline, hip length, and slightly flaring at the hem is left over from last summer in Paris, but it has every chance of being worn again this spring.

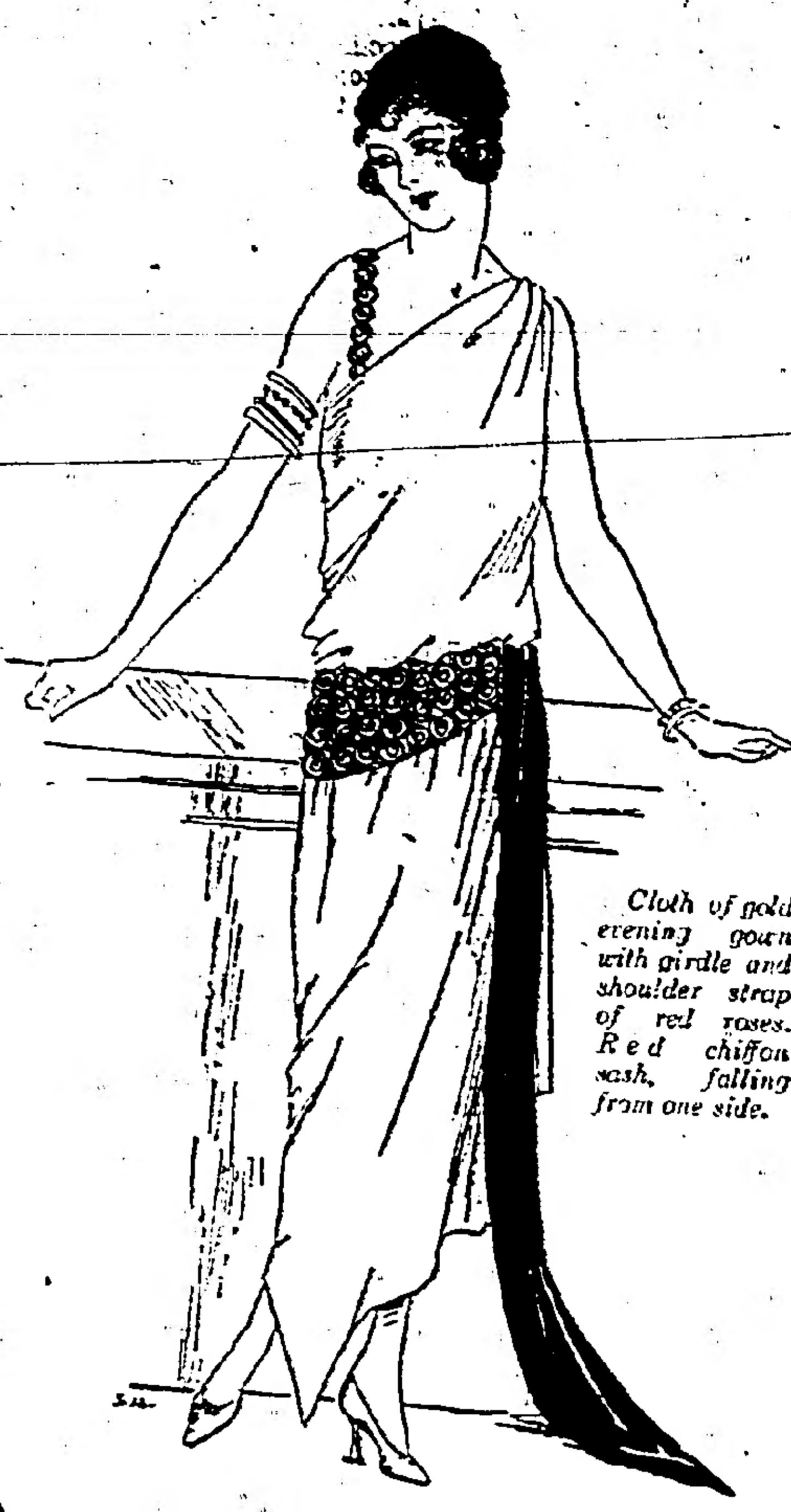
JACKETS TAKE ON PAINBOW COLOURS.

The new hammered metallic tissue looks like Damascus trays that artistic hostesses serve coffee on and men use for their smoking things. It is the new fabric of the hour, therefore the tailors do not wish to leave it entirely in the hands of the dressmakers. They make the Russian tunic coats out of it, with skirts of kasha or crepe de chine, for afternoon.

designers. It is not possible to put the finger on any one sleeve and say that it leads the others. Here are some of the important shapes: a new scarf sleeve made of a straight band of thin material which goes over each arm at one edge, forming a tight sleeve from shoulder to wrist. Another sleeve shows an immense puff gathered in at the wrist and caught to a tight sleeve at the elbow. It is not gathered at the elbow; it is merely caught there, in a careless manner, and drops away from it at the back. Heavy cream lace forms the lower part of the sleeve and the gown fabric forms the upper part. Embroidered lace, printed silk, metallic cloth are used for these lower cuffs or for deep ruffles flaring from the elbow or as straight streamers like strings dropping from the elbow or the shoulder.

The tight medieval sleeves is the one kind that does not flare away from the arm or drip with long streamers or pointed ends. It is wrinkled to fit the arm and it is cut so long that if it were pulled out it would reach several inches below the finger tips.

Slashed sleeves after the manner of the Renaissance show



Cloth of gold evening gown with girdle and shoulder strap of red roses. Red chiffon sash, falling from one side.



Gown of orange crepe and silver, trimmed at hips with silver grapes. Earrings of silver grapes.



Gown of fuchsia crepe and chiffon embroidered in gold. Golden satin hat with velvet flowers.



Sensational Paris gown, frequently copied, of black velvet, draped of skirt lined with white satin, ornament on hip set in diamonds.

known to every one. These are reproduced in every material for every sort of frock except coat suits, sport clothes, and the simple straight gowns for informal wear.

Another feature is the long sleeve that fits the arm, wrinkles over the hand and is cut off at the knuckles. These are put in afternoon, as well as morning gowns. Designers continue to show the full skirt, with or without hoops, distended over the hips. With these go tight bodices and wide lace berths. But these skirts

Some of the skirts continue the winter fashion of being cut up ward into a scallop between the ankles. It is not a pretty trick.

THE BOLERO IS EXPLOITED.

The "French" did not bother their heads or hands concerning the difference between two styles of garments. They exercised imagination in providing new styles from which to choose, and among these styles was the bolero. This jacket is designed to show the blouse. If the latter garment is to keep its brilliancy and continue its success it would

the arm rather than brilliant linings. The more ornate of these sleeves are embroidered with seed pearls and twisted loops of gold or silver cord. Some of them are larger than the bodice to which they are attached.

LACE SHINES, SILVER IS HAMMERED.

Dyed lace is the fashion of the hour, but it is not as old, a dull thing. It shines as if it had been dipped in varnish. In mauve it is at the apex of brilliancy, in flag red, in the smart apricot shade, in plum yellow, jade green, periwinkle blue, it covers half of the society women in Paris.

These laces are dropped over metal foundations. Metal has been subdued until it is in the class with crepe.

Black lace, highly varnished, is made into a gown which has Chinese red chiffon as the foundation. Surely this is sufficiently colourful to please the greatest extremist against all black. Silver lace is admirable, but what is better is a white silk not finely traced with silver threads. This same kind of net covered with a fine embroidery of seed pearls

and brilliants remains in first fashion.

Crepe de chine holds its own. No other fabric has jarred it from its pedestal. There are some new weaves in it which incline it toward thickness and give it a slight rib, that keeps it in fashion, for ribs and cords and raised stripes, they are the desire of the moment.

THE NEW COLOURS.

Violet and fuchsia-coloured cloth and crepe will be worn this season; while bats of orchid-coloured crinoline straw or satin, trimmed with hand-made roses of a deeper shade, are coming in for considerable attention.

Bronze-coloured Roman crepe trimmed with copper-coloured lace is one of the favourite colour schemes of to-day, and there are a great many pale fuchsia-coloured charmeuse and georgette dresses to be seen.

THIS WEEK'S RECIPE.

Meringue Oranges.

This is an inexpensive sweet, but quite elaborate enough for party occasions.

Required: 6 Tangerine oranges, 1 gill of whipped cream, 3 whites of egg, 1/2 oz. of sugar (caster).

Remove the skin and pith from the oranges and put them on an oiled baking tin. Beat the whites of egg to a very stiff meringue, stir in the sugar lightly. Put the meringue into a forcing bag, and force it over each orange, covering them completely. Sift sugar over, and put in a slow oven until the meringue becomes pale brown and crisp. Serve on a glass dish and decorate with whipped cream and red currant jelly cut into squares.

Note.—The cream and jelly may be omitted if desired.

DAINTY GIFT.

French women adore the flaconette which is a dainty little crystal container for perfume, the tiny, perfectly flat metal bottle fitting into an equally flat metal case, softly lined with puffed silk. The flaconette takes up no room at all in a travelling bag and is so pretty that it is a decoration in itself for the dresser. The stopper has a device which allows the perfume to escape a drop at a time, so you get just enough and never too much on your handkerchief, or wherever you want to put the delicate perfume. A flaconette of agreeable perfume makes a very desirable bridge prize.

The least whiff of dainty perfume is used by the well-groomed woman. Any heavy and oppressive odor is avoided, especially in summer time when fresh daintiness is the ideal. A drop of French perfume on the palm of the hand, or on the neck, is better than perfume on any part of the garments.

TO-DAY'S SHARE QUOTATIONS.

	Stock Exchange.	Sharebrokers' Association	Banks.
H.K. & R. Bank	sa. 847½	b. 845	
H. £35 paid			
Bt. of E. Asia	n. 102	n. 102	
Marine Insurances.			
Gantons	b. 442	n. 440	
North Chinas	n. \$153	n. 150	
Unions	b. 245	n. 249	
Yangtzees	n. 25	b. 24½	
Far Easterns			
Fire Insurances.			
China Fires	b. 125½	b. 125	
H.K. Fires	n. 360	b. 360	
Shipping.			
Douglas	b. 41½	b. 41½	
H.K. Steamboats	b. 26	n. 26½	
Indos (Pref.)	b. 38	n. 36	
Indo-Def. Lofn/Rex.	n. 273		
Indo-Def. H.K. Reg.	n. 270	n. 275	
Shells	b. 100½	n. 100½	
Ferries	n. 36	a. 36	
Refineries.			
Sugars	n. 134	b. 134	
Malabons	a. 40	n. 40	
Mining.			
Kailana	n. 70½	n. 65½	
Langkata			
Shanghai Loan.	n. \$10	n. 9	
Shai Explorations			
Raubs	b. 31	b. 120	
Tronobs	n. 24½		
Ural Caspians	b. 15½		
Benguet Con	P. 1.95½		
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.			
H.K. Wharves	b. 101	b. 100	
K. Docks	b. 148	b. 148 a. 150	
Shai Docks	n. 112½	b. 112½ a. 114	
N. Engineerings	n. 83½	b. 83½	
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.			
Centrals	b. 147	b. 147	
H.K. Hotels	Old sa. 19 New b. 7½	Old b. 19 New b. 7½	
H.K. Lands	a. 215	b. 215	
H. phrey's Est.	b. 10.50	a. 10.85	
L. Loon Lands	b. 43	b. 43	
L. Reclamations	b. 201	b. 200	
West Points			
Cotton Mills.			
Ewes	n. cum rts. \$16	b. sa. 16½	
Orientals	n. \$10½	n. 10½	
Shai Cottons	n. 146	b. 143	
Miscellaneous.			
Cements	b. 20½	b. 20½ a. 20½	
China Light old	b. 12½	b. 12½	
China Light new	b. 13	n. 13	
China Providents	b. 13	n. 13	
Dairy Farms Old s. 20½ New s. 19	Old s. 20½ New s. 19½		
Electric H.K. b. 25½ cum rts. sa. 25½	b. 25½	s. 25½	
Electric Macao	b. 34		
H.K. & Canton Ice	n. 10		
Hongkong Ropes	b. 28 a. 30	n. 30	
H.K. Tramways	n. ex div. 12.65	b. ex div. 12.70	
Peak Trams, old	n. 9.90	b. 9.94	
Do. new	b. 1	b. 1	
Steam Laundries			
Steel Foundries	n. 11½	n. 11½	
Water-boat	n. 16	b. 16	
Watsons	b. 9½	b. 9½	
Wm. Powells	b. 25½		
Wisemans			
L. Crawfords	n. 15½	n. 15	
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TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

That a stylist so strongly individual as Ruskin should consent to be edited is a fact not generally known. But last month there was sold by auction the holograph MS. of his little work, "My First Editor; an Autobiographical Reminiscence." It is dated February 1, 1878, and was later reprinted in "On the Old Road." The editorial friend was Mr. W. H. Harrison, and says Ruskin in the MS., "Not a book of mine for good 30 years, but went, every word of it, under his careful eyes twice over." For this kind mentor would discover when "there wasn't mornin'it, or a genaline, or a conjunction" where there should be. The script was sold for £3 10s. Five minutes earlier, in the same saleroom, a Book of Hours was knocked down for £1,600.

The Crypt Chapel, which was the scene of the wedding of Lieut.-Commander Hilton Young, M.P., and Lady Scott, widow of the great explorer, is about the only part of the old Houses of Parliament which was spared by the destructive fire of 1834. Barry incorporated the chapel foundations in his new building, and presumably found them insufficient material out of which to reconstruct a church, for not a vestige of pre-Reformation work is left to the sight. Christenings and marriages were the only ceremonies which took place in the Crypt until recently, when a memorial service was held for Mr. Wintingham, who died suddenly in the Commons reading-room.

Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles planned, says a London journal, while staying at the Earl of Bradford's Shifnal seat, to pay a visit to Boscombe House and see "the tree which is said to be an offshoot of the oak which hid Charles II. from his enemies." There will be no difficulty about this, as Boscombe adjoins the Bradford estate, but the Princess and her husband will see, not an

offshoot of the oak," but the actual tree itself. It is commonly believed that the original tree was hacked to pieces by relic-hunters after the Restoration, but the late Earl of Bradford is the authority for the statement that the Boscombe Oak still stands. He estimated its age in 1878 as 450 years, and declared that "the story that it was a substitute of any sort, least of all an acorn from the original tree is ludicrous and absurd."

It may be quite true, as counsel in Lady Rhonda's peerage case asserted, that there is no record of any woman having sat in the House of Lords, but more than one has voted in the great Senate that preceded the Lords. Ladies of birth and quality, say the old writers, sat in the Saxon Witan. In 694 at Beconceld the abbesses deliberated, and five signed the decree of the Council. Four abbesses were summoned to Parliament in the reigns of Henry III. and Edward I. We have in the time of Edward III. a list of names of great ladies summoned to the House of Lords. They were the Countesses of Ormond, March, Pembroke, Oxford and Athole. Evidently the House of Lords was not in those days a desirable place for ladies, for these countesses were permitted the privilege of appearing by proxy. Formerly the right of sitting in the House of Lords was the only point of distinction between a peer and a peeress, for the privilege of trial by her peers was accorded to every peeress by a statute of Henry VI. This Act was passed as a consequence of the extraordinary trial of Eleanor Duchess of Gloucester, wife of the famous Lord Protector, who was accused of treason and found guilty of witchcraft in an ecclesiastical synod through the intrigues of Cardinal Beaufort. A peeress, whether by her own right or by marriage, shared with peers immunity of civil arrest and enjoys the privilege in judicial proceedings of giving her verdict upon honour, and not upon oath.

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SHIPPING NEWS

The following local shipping and mail intelligence has been corrected to noon to-day:

Vessels Arrived.

Agent	From	To
Aschises	Dairus via S'hai	Holt's Wharf.
Hanau	"	Old St. S'ometers
Liman	Rangoon	G 16
Choyang	J. M. & Co.	B 54
Terilla	Canton	K. Wharf.
Norbuda	Yokohama via S'hai	A 25
Pulahannan	Rangoon	C. Wharf.
Kendal Castle	A.P.C.	New York via S'hai
Dodall	"	A 30
Haihong	Douglas	B 51
Malaya	Man & B'house	Co. Wharf.
Totomi M.	N.Y.K.	Hamburg via Spore
Yoro M.	K. Nguan Sang	B 31
Cheribon M.	Nanyo Y.K.	Bangkok
Sohu M.	O.S.K.	C 44
Arizona M.	"	Takao Dock
Wing Lee	Tacoma via Manila	A 8
Amakusa M.	Saigon	Old St. S'ometers
Bansei M.	Kelung via S'low	Co. Wharf.
"	"	Wanchai

Clearances.

Vessel	Agents	Where Bound	Departure
Tijipanas	J.C.J.L.	Dalby	18th April
Banks	M. & B'house	Bangkok	"
West Prospect	St. & Barry	Sourabaya via Manila	"
Mattawa	C.P.S. Ltd.	New York via Manila	"
Yingchow	B & S	Taingtiao via S'hai	"
Chenan	"	Haiphong	19th April
Nikko M.	N.Y.K.	Melbourne via Manila	"
Haiman	Po Shan	Haiphong via Hoibow	"
Yangtzekiang	Yen Chong Lee	Hoibow	"
Dinabatang	Dodwell	Hoilo	"
Agamemnon	B & S	Hankow via S'hai	"
Hunam	"	"	"
Amherst	On Pat	K.C. Wan	"
Hina Wah	C.M.S.N.	Canton	"
Tjilatjap	J.C.J.L.	Batavia via Muntok	"
Hangchow	B & S	Newchwang via Chefoo	"
Choyang	J.M. & Co.	Shanghai	"
Westfalen	P. D. & Co.	Hamburg via Saigon	"
Totomi M.	N.Y.K.	Kobe	20th April

Impending Departures.

(Compiled from our Shipping Advertisements.)

Vessel	Agents	Destination	Sailing Date
Choyang	J.M. Co.	Shanghai	19th April
Kaihau	J.M. Co.	Kobe	19th
Cheribon M.	Nanyo Y.K.	Yokohama	19th
Nikko M.	N.Y.K.	Manila	19th
City of Melbourne	Bank Lane	New York	20th
Himang	J.M. Co.	Sandakan	20th
Tjialak	J.C.J.L.	Vancouver	20th
E. of Russia	C.P.S. Ltd.	Vancouver	20th
Westfalen	S & B	Port Said	20th
Watai	R.D.C.	Seattle	20th
Bay State	Ad. Line	Boston	20th
Kendal Castle	D & Co.	Vancouver	20th
E. of Russia	C.P.S. Ltd.	Holbow	20th
Lokang	J.M. Co.	Penang	20th
Torilla	P & O	Calcutta	21st
Fooching	J.M. Co.	Tsingtao	21st
Soochow	B & S	Sourabaya	21st
Samarang M.	Nanyo Y.K.	Fooching	21st
D.L.C.	D.L.C.	Manila	21st
Actang	J.M. Co.	Kobe	21st
Denera	P & O	Shanghai	21st
Chibua	B & S	Hoilo	21st
Tjialang	J.P. O.	Swallow	21st
Tacung	J.M.C.	Japan	21st
Minsang	B & S	Sandakan	22nd
Shantung	J.M.C.	Padang	22nd
Atika M.	N.Y.K.	Calcutta	22nd
Torohashi M.	N.Y.K.	Penang	22nd
Tjilmanek	J.C.J.L.	Macassar	22nd
Kendal Castle	D & Co.	Batavia	22nd
Matayu M.	N.Y.K.	Bangkok	22nd

Impending Arrivals.

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Vessel	Agents	From	Due Hongkong
Dunera	M & Co.	Singapore	19th April
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Empress of Japan	May 4	May 25	Montcalm	June 5	June 12
Empress of Asia	May 18	June 5	Empress of France	June 15	June 22
Empress of Russia	June 18	July 5	Empress of France	July 11	July 18
Empress of Japan	July 5	July 29	Empress of Scotland	July 25	Aug. 1
Montreal	July 15	July 31	Montcalm	Aug. 4	Aug. 11
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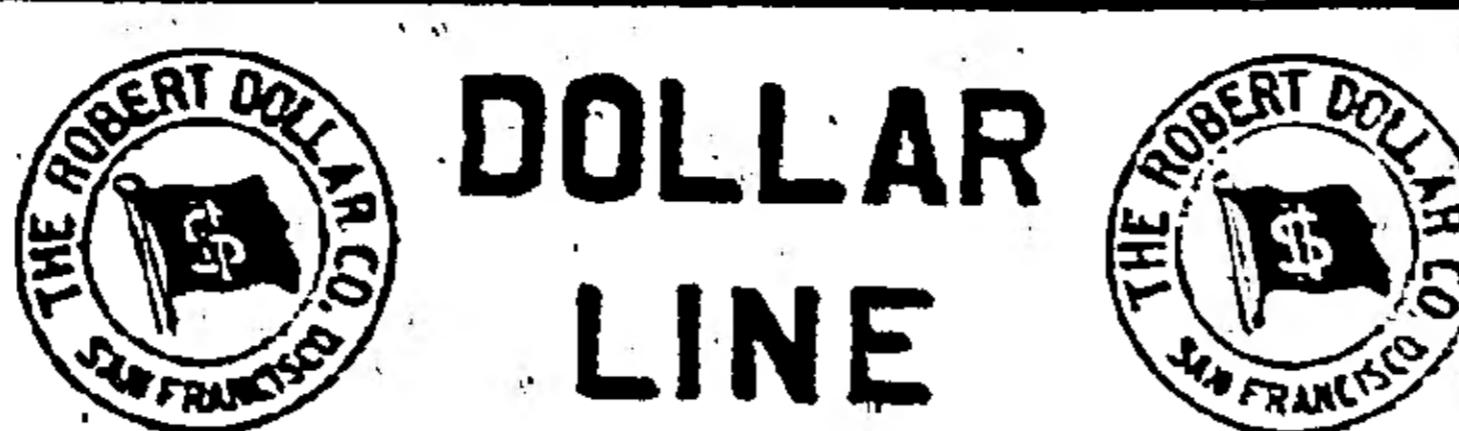
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Vessel	Leaves Hongkong	Discharges
M.V. GLENNOGLE	9th May.	GENOA, L'DON, A'WERP, H'BURG.
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NIKKO MARU ... Wednesday, 19th April at 11 a.m.

AKI MARU ... Tuesday, 16th May at 11 a.m.

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NEW YORK via Suez.

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YAMAGATA MARU ... Monday, 24th Apr.

CALCUTTA via Rangoon.

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MANILA ... Yuensang Fri. 21st Apr. at 3 p.m.

STRAITS & Calcutta ... Fooching Fri. 21st Apr. at 3 p.m.

SANDAKAN ... Hinsang Sat. 22nd Apr. at noon.

TIENTSIN ... Chipshing Thur. 27th Apr. at noon.

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This is over £13,000,000 below the £100,000,000 they were asked to save; but the "five men of good will" indicate other directions, including additional Navy and Army cuts, in which more than this sum can be saved.

This final report includes a rejoinder to the Admiralty Memorandum, stressing the "danger of accepting unchallenged the dicta of naval and military experts," and recommending stronger Treasury control of the fighting forces, with the adoption of a basic line and a definite ration.

THE COMBATANT SERVICES.

On the fighting services the Committee make this statement:

Considerations of policy, of prestige and of safety play an important part in the estimates for these Services; but there is also the same difficulty in criticising these estimates which arises whenever a layman questions the expenditure of technicians and experts.

The Committee give the following letter, from the Board of Admiralty to the Treasury, dated August 2, 1921:—

My Lords are satisfied that, with very few exceptions, the votes as fixed for the present year are not susceptible of reductions if the Navy is to be maintained in a state of efficiency at the one-power standard laid down by his Majesty's Government.

There are, however, certain risks which my Lords feel justified in accepting in the present financial situation on the strength of the assurance of His Majesty's Government that a state of war within the next few years need not be regarded as a possible contingency, and by deferring or dispensing with services which would otherwise be regarded as essential they can definitely omit items in 1922-23 amounting to £1,968,400.

In their first report the Geddes Committee proposed £21,000,000, even without taking into account the great economies consequential on the decisions of the Washington Conference.

Continuing their comment which may be regarded as a reply to the Admiralty's memorandum—the Committee say:—

"In view of such a pronouncement, a civilian might indeed

shrink from suggesting any reduction in naval expenditure. We are, however, definitely of the opinion, after our investigation, that this grave advice cannot be justified.

"In our judgment this is a forcible illustration of the financial danger of accepting unchallenged the dicta of naval and military experts.

"Their natural tendency is invariably to be satisfied with nothing short of perfection, to which must be added their inherent desire to maintain the prestige of the Service.

"We are convinced, on the facts submitted to us, that great economies can be realised in the fighting services if the control of the Treasury over them is vastly increased and brought up to the standard obtaining in the Civil Departments.

"If our recommendations are approved by you, we recommend for these services the imposition of a definite ration."

In this section of the report reference is made to the payment of £3,464 to each of the five naval Commanders-in-Chief as "tabb money" in addition to the salary of £4,000 a year.

MIDDLE EAST.

Their conclusions in relation to Middle Eastern services are:—

So long as existing British responsibilities continue, we cannot suggest any further modification of the arrangements being carried into effect by the Colonial Secretary.

On this basis it appears possible to reduce the Estimates for 1922-23 to £10,500,000, compared with £13,003,760 in the Provisional Estimates, subject to any further economies that may result from the successful development of the Colonial Secretary's policy.

The Colonial Secretary explained to us the policy under which, in substitution for a British Administration supported by large British forces, an Arab State is being established in Iraq, in which order will be maintained by native levies, with the aid of the Air Force.

39 BATTALIONS WITHDRAWN.

Thirty-nine out of the 50 battalions in the country a year ago have now been withdrawn, and further reductions are proceeding. As a result of this policy and the accession of King Feisal, the country is more tranquil than before.

The object in view is the establishment of a native State on a firm footing, with a consequent relief of the British burden. It is now considered that the British expenditure in 1922-23 in this country should not be more than £8,000,000 or £8,500,000, and if all goes well the cost may be reduced to £5,000,000 or £6,000,000 in the next year.

FURTHER ADMIRALTY STATEMENT.

The Admiralty has issued the following further statement:

"In view of the misunderstandings which have arisen with regard to the response made by the Admiralty to the appeal of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and to the suggestion made by the Geddes Committee, it is necessary to publish the following facts.

The current Navy Estimates (1921-22) amount to £82,479,000, including a first instalment of £1,958,000, for the four new capital ships which it had been decided to lay down."

The draft or "sketch" estimates for 1922-23, submitted to the Treasury in August 1921, amounted to £81,183,000, including the second instalment of £11,816,000 for the same four ships.

A net reduction of over £11,000,000 in the Navy Votes, other than those for the new ships, had, therefore, been made by the Admiralty before the Geddes Committee began its investigations.

THE NEXT ESTIMATES.

The report of that Committee suggested a further reduction of £21,000,000, but only specified economies amounting to £14,000,000 in all, including many which have since been shown to be either impracticable or based on misunderstanding—and no indication was given as to how the further cuts were to be realised, apart from the effect of the agreements at W shington.

As a result of those arrangements, and of collaboration with the Geddes Committee and the special Cabinet Committee presided over by Mr. Churchill, the Admiralty have effected further large reductions, which bring down the Estimates proposed for 1922-23 to under £61,000,000 and this total cut of £22,000,000 has now been approved.

WAR'S RICH LITERATURE.

General Sir Ian Hamilton has presented to the Imperial War Museum library the signed instructions handed to him by Lord Kitchener upon his taking over command of the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force. This library, which is housed at 25, South Audley-street, London, possesses a practically complete collection to date of historical and other works relating to the Great War. Historians and students will there find a field of literature, comprising some 20,000 volumes, for reference purposes.

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April 19d. 11h. 33m.—Pressure has increased moderately at Vladivostock and decreased slightly from Formosa to Hongkong and the Philippines.

The anticyclone covers Japan and a depression lies to the north-west of Weihaiwei.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 11.90 inches, against an average of 9.18 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District Forecast.

1 Hongkong to N.E. winds Gap Rock moderate generally cloudy.

Formosa Channel The same as No. 1.

3 South coast of China between H.K. & Lamockas The same as No. 1.

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